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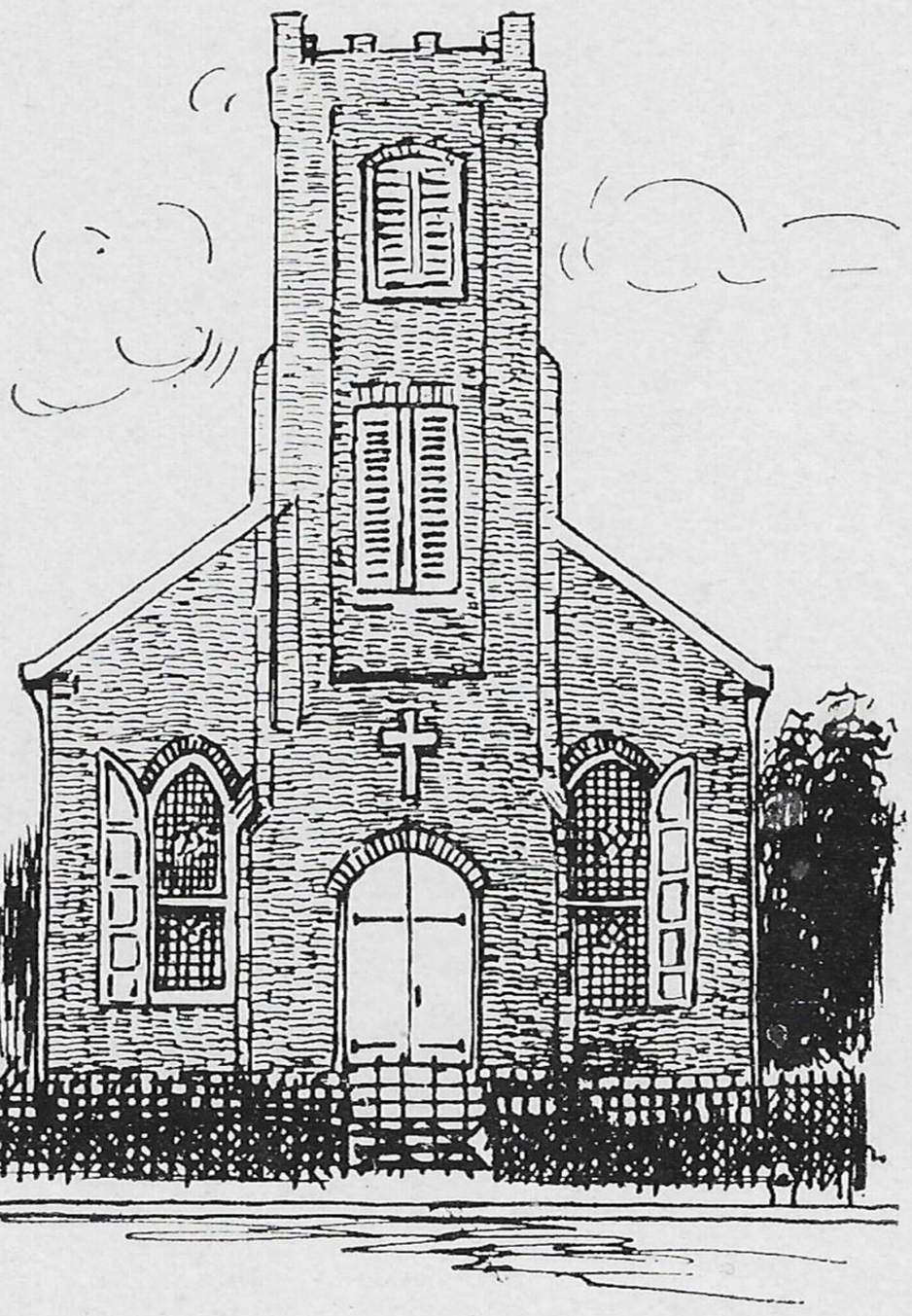

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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

The celebration of the Centenary Anniversary of the founding of the church should make each parishoner justifiably proud that she under God's providential care and protection has been able through trials and vicissitudes to maintain her separate existence all these years.

The story of the church is the story of adventurers of faith. They were men and women of vision who despite the fewness of numbers and unresponsiveness of environment never wavered in loyalty to their faith and never lost hope in their vision. And it was because of the possession of such sterling qualities of Churchmanship that the church exists today to enjoy its 100th anniversary.

You are the inheritors of the past, agents in the present, and contributors to the future. The inheritance of the church for you to enjoy has been passed on not without labour and sacrifice and if that inheritance is to be passed on enlarged to generations yet unborn will depend upon your loyalty, faithfulness, and generosity.

You should be proud of that inheritance with its hallowed memories of those chosen vessels of the Lord and it depends upon your contribution whether you should be still more proud of the inheritance that you are bequeathing to the future with memories made hallowed by your labours and sacrifices.

100 YEARS AGO

One of the most interesting features of history is the comparison it affords of men and conditions at various periods of time. A retrospect, therefore, of things as they were at the beginning of St. Luke's Church, in 1832, contrasted with those of today, may be worth while here.

The population of the United States and territories was about 13,000,000, as compared with approximately 137,000,000 today. The Protestant Episcopal Church in 1836 had 22 dioceses, 17 bishops and about 800 ministers. The Church was recovering from the difficulties which had beset it throughout the Colonial period due to the lack of resident bishops, and accentuated during and following the Revolution owing to the alliance of the Church of England with the British Government, notwithstanding the fact that Washington and a great many of the patriot leaders were prominent in the Church. In 1930 the number of clergy had increased to 6,304, with a communicant list of 1,287,431.

In England the Church was at low ebb, to be aroused the following year by the Oxford Movement. In 1832 occurred a severe financial panic. Nevertheless, the distress of economic conditions did not prevent the founders of St. Luke's Church from going on with their work at that time, and as the result we can look back over its 100 years of Christian service in the community. Only two other religious bodies preceded it in the town—the Presbyterians, who organized 1734, and the Friends, who began their meetings here in 1815, and erected their present meeting house two years later.

REV. AMOS GODDARD

Rector of St. Luke's Church

THE FIRST ATTEMPT

It seems that an attempt was made to start an Episcopal Church in Newtown 66 years before the successful venture made in 1832. In his history of Bucks County, Gen. W. W. H. Davis said:

"An effort was made to build an Episcopal Church at Newtown as early as 1766. Thomas Barton, under date of November 10 that year, writes to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts: 'At Newtown, in Bucks County, eight miles from Bristol, some members of the Church of England, encouraged by the liberal and generous benefactions of some principal Quakers, are building an elegant brick church.' Mr. Barton wants an itinerant sent to supply Bristol, Newtown and other places. The 22nd of October 1768, William Smith enclosed a letter to the secretary. 'from the Church wardens of Bristol, and another congregation now building a church in Bucks County, about 25 miles from Philadelphia.' He repeats Barton's story that they are 'desirous of seeing the church flourish from a fear of being overrun by Presbyterians.'"

Nothing is known of this early effort beyond this record. Barton was evidently mixed in his dimensions where he describes Newtown as being eight miles from Bristol, as the actual distance is about 12 miles. It is rather curious that the first plan above referred to for a Church at Newtown should have provided for a brick edifice, as that proved to be the nature of the building subsequently erected in 1832. It is possible that the stirring days incident to the events leading up to the Revolutionary War may have made it inexpedient to go on with the plan at that time. Whatever the cause, there seems to be no record of success attending the effort.

It would be difficult to present a more interesting or accurate account of the history of the founding of St. Luke's and its first 75 years than was given at the 75th anniversary exercises, held on the Feast of St. Luke, the Evangelist, on October 18, 1907, by the late George A. Jenks, Esq., whose father, Dr. Phineas Jenks, collected the funds in 1832 for the erection of the church, and was also one of the first Vestrymen. George A. Jenks also served on the Vestry for many years.

THE FIRST 75 YEARS

By GEORGE A. JENKS

Paper read at 75th Anniversary, St. Luke's Day, 1907.

The records of our Diocesan Convention show that before 1835 St. James' Church, Bristol, was the only Protestant Episcopal Church in Bucks County in union with the convention. It will be shown hereafter that before that time St. Luke's Church, Newtown, had a rector and that services were held here, although the church was not admitted to the convention until 1835. Now, there are eight Episcopal churches, with 948 communicants in this county. I might here say that before 1835 there were only twenty-nine Episcopal churches within the limits of the present diocese. Now, this diocese contains 137 churches, and the bishops, priests and deacons in the diocese number 265.

In writing an account of the early history of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Pa., we are embarrassed and hampered by the fact that all of the minutes of the church before 1851 have been lost, except those of March 21st, May 12th and December 15th, 1834, and May 27th, 1835. These minutes, which will be referred to hereafter, were written on loose sheets of paper. I will, therefore, have to depend on other records and papers of the church during that period, and upon my own personal recollection, which extends back almost to the first steps taken to organize the church, and such outside information which I may have gathered.

The first mention I find in regard to an attempt to organize an Episcopal Church in this place is in a small subscription book, which I found among the church papers. From this I copy as follows, viz:

We, the undersigned, promise to pay the amount annexed to our names, respectively, to Dr. Phineas Jenks, for the purpose of erecting an Episcopal Church in Newtown. All sums above Fifty Dollars to be paid in three annual installments. The church to be under the management of the nearest Episcopal vestry until the congregation,

which may hereafter become connected with it, shall elect one for themselves. June 4, 1832.

This is the first record I can find relating to the establishment of our church. There must have been considerable work and consultation before this paper was drawn. In whose brain the idea of establishing our church originated we can only conjecture, but it must have been from among those who afterwards were most active in organizing the church. Under the terms of this subscription agreement St. Luke's Church must have been under the management of St. James' Church, Bristol, being the nearest church, but I can find no record of St. James' Church in the matter.

That the parties did not proceed blindly and without due caution is shown by the next two articles in this small book. They are as follows, viz.:

Philadelphia, Sept. 17, 1932.

Having confidence in the plan proposed by Dr. Jenks, that a Vestry will soon be elected at Newtown, I cheerfully recommend the erection of an Episcopal Church at that place to the patronage of the Episcopalians of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

H. U. UNDERDONK,
Asst. Bp. Dioc. Penna.

I join in the above,
WM. WHITE.

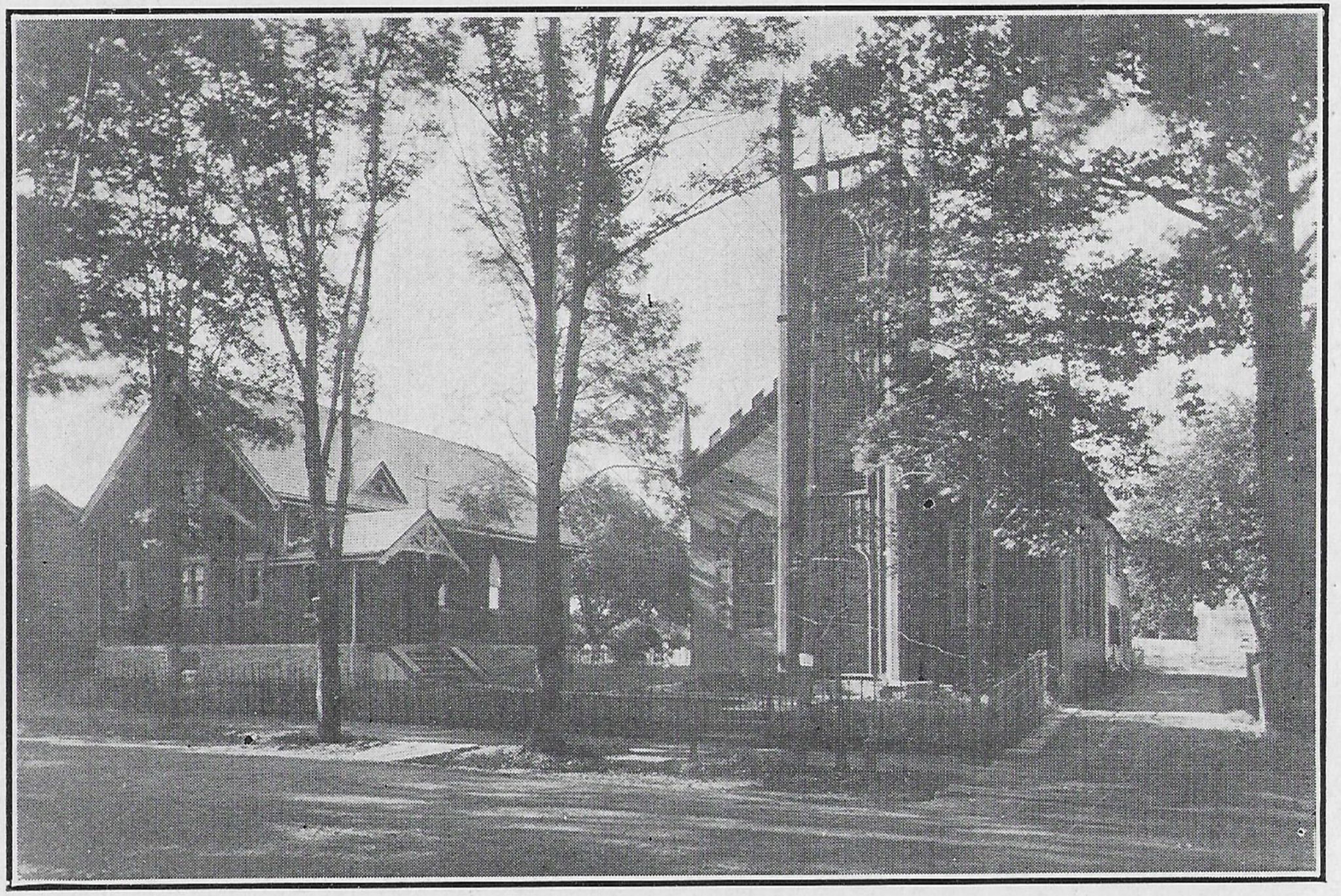
We here have the sanction of not only the assistant bishop, but also of the venerated first bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. This recommendation is followed by the recommendation of Dr. Stephen H. Tyng, as follows, viz.:

The representations of Dr. Jenks convince me of the great importance to the cause of religion in the place referred to of the erection of the Church for which the subscription is made.

STEPHEN H. TYNG.

With these recommendations, subsrcriptions were obtained in this small book to the amount of $1341. Among the subscribers are a number of distinguished Episcopalians residing in Philadelphia. There are also a number of additional subscriptions, as shown by the treasurer's accounts, which are still preserved.

The largest subscriptions are by two members of the first vestry, who respectively subscribed $100 in this small book, and $500, each, additional in the treasurer's book, making a subscription for each of $600. From the entries on the credit side of the treasurer's account we can ascertain that the work



CHURCH and PARISH BUILDING

Showing Wooden Tower, Erected in 1855, and Replaced in 1904

in building the church was commenced in 1832, as he takes credit for work and materials during that year. From this account we also ascertain that an agreement was made for the purchase of the church lot, as we find a credit for $125 paid James Phillips for the church lot, though the deeds show that he did not convey the lot until 1834.

James Phillips and wife by indenture dated September 26th, 1834, and recorded in the Recorder's office at Doylestown, in Deed Book No. 59, page 258, &c., conveyed for a consideration of $240, unto Dr. Phineas Jenks, James Worth and William Paff, "the survivors or survivor of them, their heirs and assigns," a certain lot, described by metes and bounds, containing 100 feet on the south side of the Yardleyville road, (now Washington avenue), and extending southward 150 feet. This deed further recites, after the description of the lot, as follows, viz.: "Upon which a Brick Church called St. Luke's has been erected." This deed proves that when the agreement to purchase was made the lot was taken possession of, and the Church erected without waiting until the conveyance was made.

Jenks, Worth and Paff, by indenture bearing date the 9th day of March A. D. 1836, (after the incorporation of the church) and recorded at Doylestown, in Deed Book No. 61, page 604, granted the above named lot to "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church, in the County of Bucks," the corporate name of the church.

To continue the record of the real estate of the church, I would here state that David Roberts and wife, by indenture bearing date the 9th day of March, A. D. 1836, and recorded at Doylestown in Deed Book No. 61, page 605, &c., granted and conveyed to the rector, church wardens and vestrymen of St. Luke's Church, by metes and bounds, a lot immediately adjoining the above-described lot, containing 100 feet by 75 feet. This lot is just south of the original lot, and was purchased for the purpose of erecting sheds, and for a graveyard.

I find no record showing when the church was finished. but it must have been completed before March 29th, 1834, when the minutes show that a committee to act as vestry was elected. The church, as originally built, had neither tower nor bell, and walled in the front was a marble tablet, with the inscription. "Founded 1832." * * * * * * * The pews are the same that were originally placed in the church, except

where the organ now is, there was a large square pew occupied by Dr. Phineas Jenks. This pew was of the same dimensions as the Worth or Thornton pew, on the east side. There was no chancel, and the pulpit was one of the old-style high pulpits, with winding stairs. Some time after the purchase of the lot from David Roberts, in 1836, and the building of the sexton's house, this pulpit was removed and a high square pulpit was built with steps into it from the present vestry room. A considerable while afterwards, George H. Whitall had the reredos built, and a raised chancel, with a railing along the outside, and the pulpit was placed near the reredos. The present arrangement of the chancel was adopted about 1870. The present railing around the altar, with the font, were placed in memory of Eliza W. Eyre, who had been a devout communicant and worker in the church until her death. She was a granddaughter of Garret Brown, one of the first vestrymen of St. Luke's Church. The present altar was erected by the members of St. Stephen's Church, Boston, in memory of Rev. Henry M. Torbert, rector of their church. He had often preached for us, and was buried from St. Luke's Church.

(The following account concerning the construction of the pulpit was taken from the diary of the late Mrs. Alexander Chambers:

Jan. 5, 1860—"It was decided at the vestry meeting we are to have a new pulpit." March 28—"They have begun repairs at Church." May 27—"Alterations are completed and it looks very nice indeed.")

I can find no records of services in the church before 1834, although I have been informed that the Rev. G. W. Ridgley held services here before that time. G. Morris Dorrance, Esq., has kindly examined the minutes of St. James' Church, Bristol, for me. He informs me that in the minutes of July 30th, 1832, Rev. G. W. Ridgley attended the meeting of the vestry, and resigned his rectorship of the congregation. He also informs me that there is no mention of Newtown during the time Mr. Ridgley was their rector.

I now come to the first attempt to make a regular organization of the parish. The minutes of March 29th, 1834, show that the Rev. G. W. Ridgley was then rector. And, from the fact that he had resigned from St. James', Bristol, in 1832 and was acknowledged as rector of St. Luke's, Newtown, on March

29th, 1834, we may safely assume that he was rector, or had charge of the church from its very inception. The minutes commence as follows:

Newtown, March 29, 1834.
St. Luke's Church.

In pursuance of notice given by Rev. G. W. Ridgley, Rector to the congregation worshiping in said Church on Sabbath morning, 23rd inst., a number of the pew-holders met in the Church for the purpose of electing a committee to act as Vestry for the ensuing year, commencing March 31st, 1834.

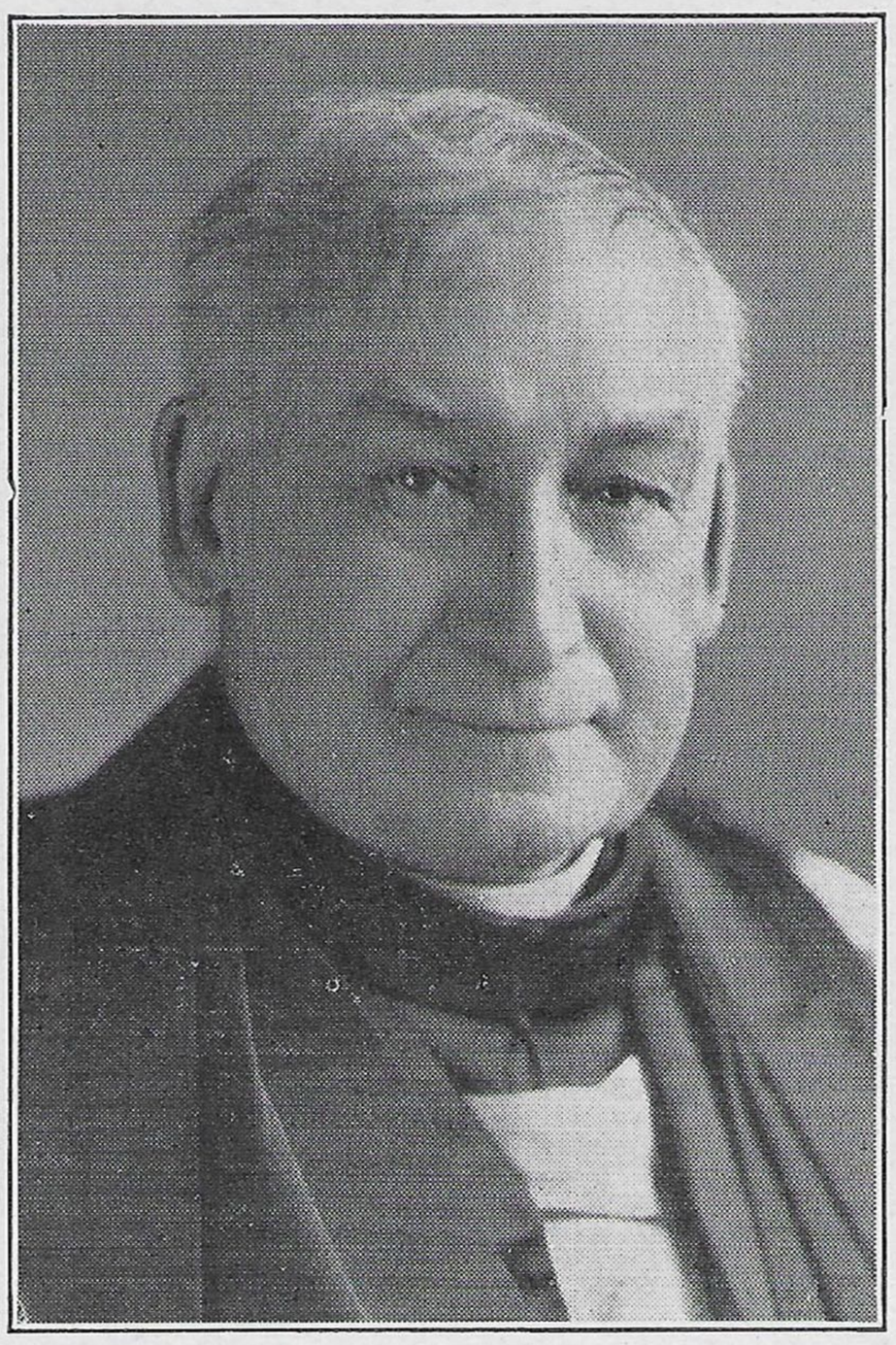
At this meeting the following persons were elected vestrymen: James Worth, Phineas Jenks, John H. Gordon, William Paff and Daniel Y. Harman.

The next meeting of the vestry was held on May 12th, 1834. The minute of this meeting is as follows, viz.: "The vestry elected Phineas Jenks senior warden, and the rector appointed James Worth junior warden." The church then appeared to be fully organized with a rector, two wardens, and a vestry.

It was represented that "this meeting had been called to decide whether the committee would take an organ for which a subscription had been entered on, and assume the responsibility of the payment of its price." On motion, Dr. Jenks and William Paff were appointed a committee, who "are authorized to pay $200 to Messrs. Hale, contractors, for furnishing the church with an organ, give their note for the balance of $150, payable within three years, on the condition that the said contractors instruct some one designated by the vestry in the art of playing on the organ for the term of six months, and keep it in repair for the term of three years after its location in the church."

This organ was built in the east room on the first floor of the building at the southeast corner of State street and Centre avenue, in Newtown. It was placed in the gallery of the church, where it remained many years, until a new organ was purchased and placed where the present one stands. The present organ was a gift to the church.

The next meeting of the vestry of which we have a record was held December 15th, 1834, and the treasurer was desired to give notice to the pew holders that the pew rents would be due on January 1st next. Before this time it appears that the organ had been completed and placed in the church, as James Worth and Daniel T. Jenks were appointed a committee to en-



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close the organ and obtain additional benches for the gallery. It also appears in the same minutes that the vestry was not entirely satisfied with the chancel arrangements, as Rev. G. W. Ridgley was appointed a committee to alter the pulpit. We have no records of any alteration at that time.

On May 11th, 1836, the church was consecrated by Bishop Underdonk, who preached the sermon, and Rev. Mr. Ridgley, rector, read the sentence of consecration and the lessons.

At the meeting of the convention on May 19th 1836, we find from the minutes of that body that the parish was represented by James Worth, William Paff and Dr. Phineas Jenks as lay delegates. And in his report of that year Bishop Underdonk stated, "In Newtown, Bucks County, in February, twice"—(page 18, journal 1836). And further on in the same report we find the following: "On Sunday last, the 11th inst., I consecrated St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks County. A very neat and commodious edifice, the building of which, and the gathering of the respectable and numerous congregation worshiping in it, on ground where our worship and distinctive principles were recently almost unknown. and within the space of two or three years, reflect the highest credit on the labors of the pastor, and of the perseverance of his originally few but determined lay adherents."

From the records of the same convention we find that a large part of one afternoon was consumed by discussion as to the right of the rector of St. Luke's Church to a seat in the convention. The convention assembled on May 18th, 1836, and the parish had been admitted into union with the convention on May 21st, 1835, three days less than the year canonically required as the period of the residence of the rector before he be admitted to a seat in convention. After a lengthy discussion the report excluding the rector, Rev. G. W. Ridgley, was accepted.

Following on to the next convention, we find that the delegates in attendance from St. Luke's Church were John Barnsley and William Paff. At this convention Bishop Underdonk reported that he was at Newtown in June of 1836, and the Rev. Mr. Ridgley presented the first report of the parish, including Sundays at Yardleyville. In this report it is stated that there had been, during the past year, eight baptisms, three burials, four marriages, and twelve communicants added. That there were about fifty families; 104 public services had

been held; that there was a Sunday school in Newtown, with sixty pupils and eight teachers. An interesting item of this report is that the communion was administered recently for the first time in Newtown. It had not yet been administered at Yardleyville. Confirmation expected on July 2d. Page 76, Journal 1837.

I now come to the incorporation of St. Luke's Church. To do this, I must first go back to the last minutes that we have until 1851.

At a meeting of the vestry, held on May 27th, 1835, James Worth reported "the forwarding of the Charter of Incorporation to the convention." At the same meeting the vestry decided to purchase a lot for the erection of sheds, and also in favor of erecting an addition to the back of the church, of frame, 20x20, for the further accommodation of the church.

At the Diocesan Convention of 1835, the committee on charters presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to examine the proposed Charters of new Churches applying for admission into union with the P. E. Church of this Diocese, respectfully report:

That they have examined the proposed Charters submitted to them, and find those of St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, and St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks county, and of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware county, have been submitted to the Bishop and the Standing Committee, and approved by them, and that they do expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines and Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese. The Committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, St. Luke's, Newtown, Bucks County, and Calvary, Rockdale, Delaware County, be, and they are hereby admitted into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

GEORGE UPFOLD,
Chairman of Committee.

Page 28, Diocesan Journal, 1835.

The Charter of Incorporation, as it was called, but which we would now call "Articles of Association," was signed by Phineas Jenks, Garret Brown, James Worth, R. C. Nagel, Daniel Y. Harman, Joseph C. Whitall, Daniel T. Jenks, Joseph Archambault, Thomas H. Buckman, Amos Vanzant, Thomas Heed and Morris Buckman.

This Charter of Incorporation, after its approval by the Convention of the Diocese, was, as then required by law, first submitted to George M. Dallas, Attorney General of the State

of Pennsylvania, and was approved by him on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1835. It was next submitted to John B. Gibson, William C. Rogers, Charles Huston, John Kennedy and Thomas Sergeant, Chief Justice, and Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and was approved by them under their several hands, on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1836. They, however, stating in their certificate, "the IX Article erased before allowance." Whereupon, on the 7th day of September, A. D. 1836, a charter under the Great Seal of Pennsylvania was issued to "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Saint Luke's Church, in the County of Bucks." In this application for a charter it was declared it was "for the purpose of worshiping Almighty God according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America."

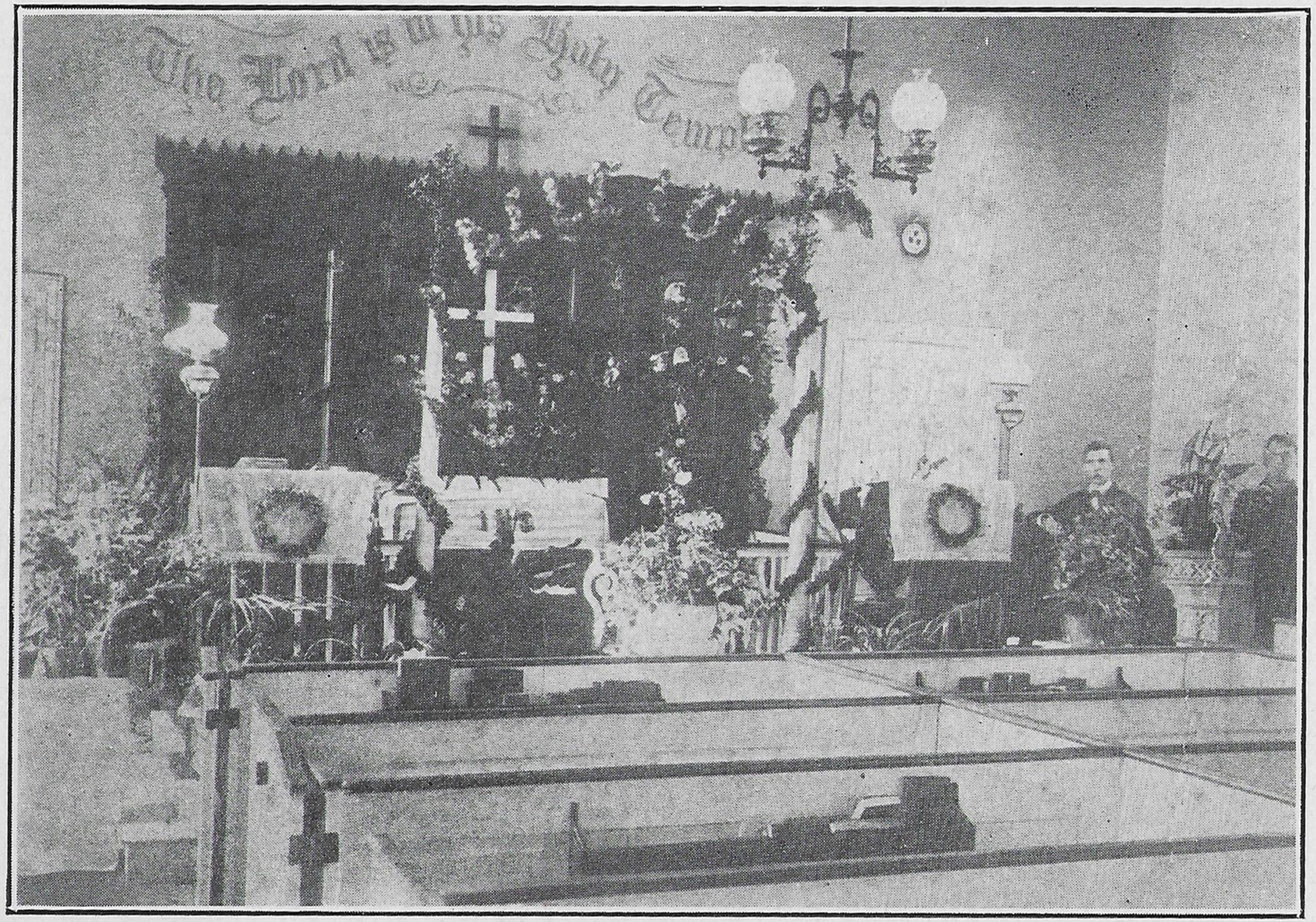
Section 8 was as follows: "The following named persons to be the church wardens and vestry, and to continue in office until the election on Easter Monday next, and until others be chosen, viz.: Phineas Jenks, Garret Brown, William Paff, Daniel Y. Harman, Rudolph C. Nagel, Joseph C. Whitall and James Worth."

From some matters which came to my attention, I went to Yardley and examined the Charter of Incorporation of "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Andrew's Church at Yardleyville, in the County of Bucks," and find it identical with the one of St. Luke's, with the necessary change in name and of the first vestry.

In examining these two charters I find that William Paff, Phineas Jenks and Thomas Heed were among the incorporators of both churches, and that William Paff and Phineas Jenks were both named in each charter in Section 8 as among the first vestrymen in both churches.

From an examination of the two charters I was enabled to decipher Article IX, which was stricken out in both charters by the Judges of the Supreme Court, before allowance. Some of the words could be deciphered in one charter and some in the other. Article IX, thus stricken out, reads as follows, viz.:

> In case of the dissolution of this incorporation for any cause whatsoever, the land owned, and any estate, rêal and personal, belonging thereto, shall vest in "the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," to



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Easter Day, April 13, 1884

be held in trust, for the benefit of a future congregation of the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church which may be formed in the same neighborhood, and upon the same principles as the present Church and this Corporation.

This brings our church to a period in which it became a duly corporated Episcopal Church, in full union with the Diocesan Convention. To continue the history longer would take too much time for the occasion, and it is the proper period to be included in this seventy-fifth anniversary.

I will close with some general items of interest in the history of the church. From 1832 to about 1871, the churches at Newtown and Yardley were, to some extent, united, both churches having the same rector. Indeed, during the time Rev. Mr. Webb, was rector, he had charge of Grace Church, Hulmeville, in which place he resided; St. Andrew's, Yardley, and St. Luke's, Newtown, driving twenty-three and a half miles each Sunday, and preaching three times. And while Rev. Mr. Carpenter was our rector, for part of the time he officiated at both St. Luke's, Newtown, and at Trinity, Centreville, driving twenty miles each Sunday and preaching twice.

At the termination of the rectorship of Mr. Ridgley, in 1841, the records mention only fifteen communicants. According to the last report, this year, the communicants number seventy-eight.

During the rectorship of Mr. Webb, in 1855, a frame tower was erected and the bell placed therein; before which time the bell had been hung on a high pole at the southeast corner of the church. The present brick tower was erected in 1904.

The parish building was erected in 1893, and the corner stone was laid by Bishop Whitaker.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

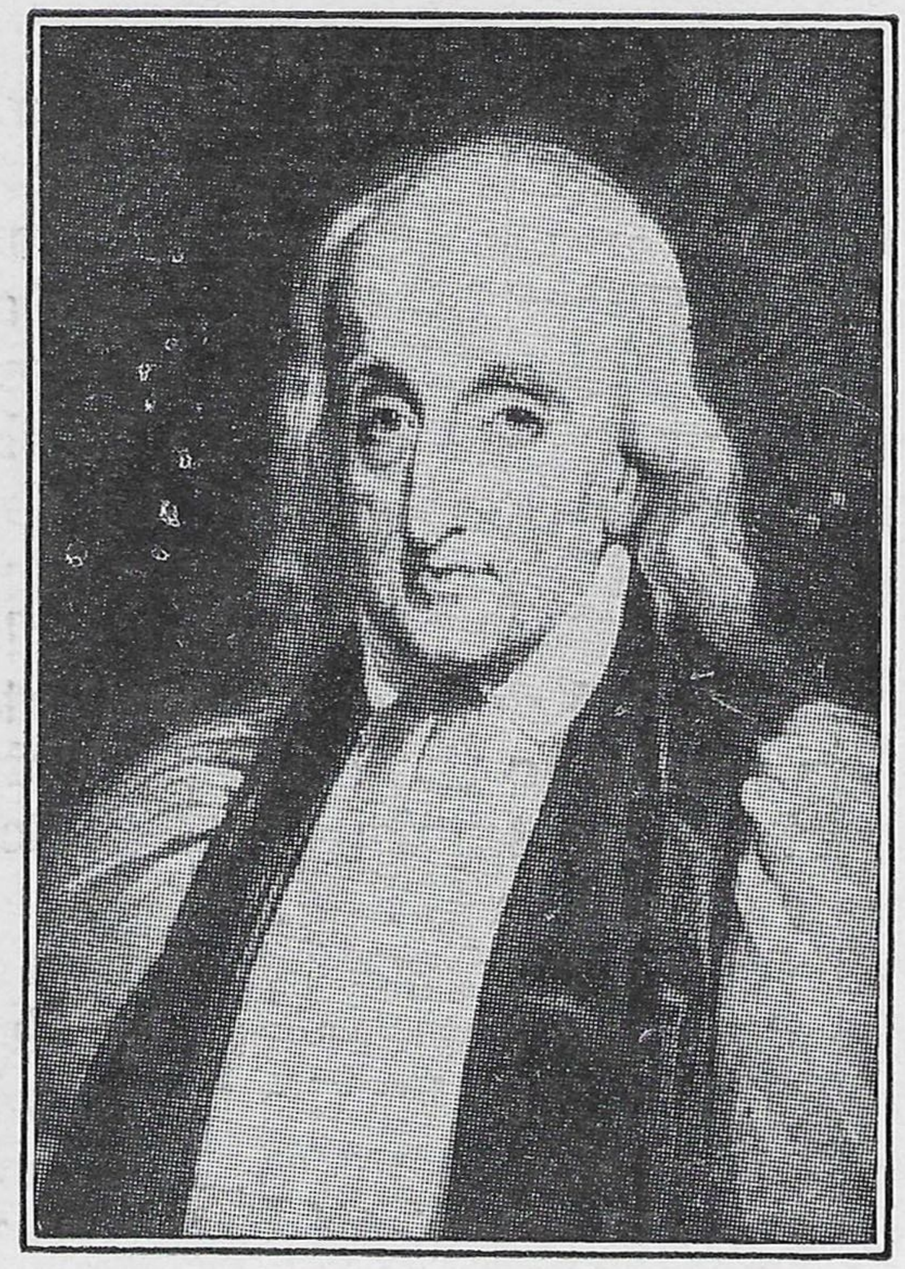
At the exercises in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of St. Luke's, on St. Luke's Day, 1907, already referred to, the Holy Communion was celebrated, and the sermon preached by Rev. Jacob LeRoy, Rector of the Church of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, and Dean of the Convocation. Following a lunch in the Parish Building, the Rector, Rev. William C. Emhardt, presided at an informal meeting, when addresses were made by Revs. Jacob LeRoy, Edward Ritchie, J. T. Carpenter, T. J. Elms, of the Presbyterian Church, E. H. Hoffman, of the Methodist Church, and Vestrymen George A. Jenks, Horace G. Reeder and Lewis C. Wettling. Subsequently the meeting convened in the Church, when Mr. Jenks read his historical paper, and an address was made by Frank H. Longshore, of Philadelphia, a former organist at St. Luke's. Preachers during the week beside those already mentioned, were Revs. Henry B. Gorgas, Thomas J. Taylor, Archibald Campbell Knowles, and R. P. Cobb.

THE PAST 25 YEARS

Rev. William C. Emhardt was called June 25, 1907, and while at Newtown the various mission stations in Lower Bucks County were organized into the Country Centre Mission by Bishop Philip M. Rhinelander and Rev. Mr. Emhardt was placed in charge of the work. This brought to Newtown many young men who were studying for the ministry, and gave them practical church and mission work as well as opening up many new locations for religious activity. Dr. Emhardt resigned Jan. 16, 1920, to become directly associated with the National Council as Field-Director of its work among the Foreign-Born Americans, and his activities as such have taken him to the Near East several times, as well as on many long journeys throughout this country. Many of the young men connected with him at the Newtown Mission headquarters are now filling important posts in the ministry in various parts of the world. One of them, Rev. Charles T. Bridgeman, is American chaplain at Jerusalem. Rev. Mr. Emhardt was succeeded as director of the Country Centre Mission by Rev. Samuel B. Booth, who purchased a farm near Wrightstown, and converted one of the buildings thereon into a beautiful little edifice, which he named the Chapel of the Holy Nativity. He made Wrightstown his headquarters, until his selection as Bishop Coadjutor of Vermont, whereupon Rev. Dr. Jules F. Prevost, returned from several years' missionary work in Alaska, succeeded him.

Rev. Mr. Emhardt was succeeded, in turn as rector by Rev. G. Herbert Dennison, Rev. Ross H. Flanagin and Rev. Amos Goddard. Rev. Mr. Goddard had spent about 25 years in mission work in China, which he and his family were obliged to leave on account of the civil war.

St. Luke's has a flourishing Sunday School. Its superintendents, in order. as near as can be computed, were Mrs. Phineas Jenks, John Cresson, Mrs. John Barnsley, Mrs. George A. Jenks, and Horace G. Reeder, who served in this



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capacity for about 35 years. William J. Ellis is the present superintendent. Among the active guilds connected with the parish are the Woman's Auxiliary and the Men's Guild, each of which has to its credit a long and useful record.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Westmacott, St. Wilfred's Mission was started at Dolington. It was maintained for many years by the rectors of St. Luke's, but was later taken over by the Country Centre Mission. It was placed under the care of this parish again nearly four years ago, and services are held there regularly each Sunday.

The most recent important building operation at St. Luke's was the erection of the handsome new brick sacristy in 1929, replacing the frame sacristy and sexton's house. This was the gift of Mrs. Harry M. Crookshank and children, of London, in memory of her father, Maj. Samuel Comfort.

During the two weeks prior to the 100th anniversary a new memorial reredos has been erected by the family of the late Horace G. Reeder. The entire interior of the south end of the church has been panelled in colonial style and a very handsome reredos installed against the wall at the rear of the altar and reaching nearly to the ceiling. This handsome memorial is a copy of the masterpiece by Del Robio in a French cathedral and the only one in United States.

A marble date stone reading, "Founded 1832" formerly over the entrance doorway but covered by the wooden tower in 1855 and recovered in 1904 by the present brick tower has again been placed over the entrance door. Above this also has been restored the old colonial fan louvre which was built upon this stone when the church was first erected.

New three-panelled doors with brass locks have been hung to conform with the colonial lines. These doorway restorations have been made by Mrs. J. Herman Barnsley as a memorial to her late husband.

It will be noted that the longest term of service of any rector so far was that of Rev. Mr. Ritchie, who left St. Luke's to succeed his deceased brother as rector of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill. Next in order of length of pastorate were Rev. Mr. Emhardt and Rev. Mr. Homman.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The Centenary Celebration of St. Luke's naturally centres around the exercises on St. Luke's Day, but also embrace several other events. The entire program follows:

Friday, October 14, 11 A. M., Convocation Service, Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, D. D., officiating. Rev. Leicester Lewis, Ph. D., Rector of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, preacher.

Sunday, October 16, 11 A. M., Confirmation Service, Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, D. D., preacher.

Tuesday, October 18, St. Luke's Day, 7:30 A. M., Celebration of the Holy Communion. 10:30 A. M., Celebration of the Holy Communion and Children's Service. 8 P. M., Parish Reception.

Sunday, October 23, 11 A. M., Rev. Edward Ritchie, preacher.

Sunday, October 30, 11 A. M., Rev. William C. Emhardt, Ph. D., preacher.

THE RECTORS OF ST. LUKE'S

The rectors who have had charge of the parish are as follows:

1 Rev. G. W. RIDGLEY, from the first until 1841.

2 Rev. R. F. BURNHAM, 1842.

3 Rev. W. C. COOLEY, 1843.

4 Rev. A. O. SHAW, 1844.

5 Rev. DONALD FRASIER, 1845.

6 Rev. C. WILTBERGER, 1847.

7 Rev. WELLINGTON C. WEBB, 1852.

8 Rev. WILLIAM HOMMAN, 1856.

9 Rev. J. W. LEADENHAM, from June 20, 1867, to August 20, 1867.

10 Rev. J. P. FUGETT, from December 1, 1867.

11 Rev. A. O. TAYLOR, 1870.

12 Rev. W. S. COCHRAN, 1872. Mr. Cochran, as a divinity student and lay reader, held services in the church for a considerable time before this.

13 Rev. ABDIEL RAMSEY, 1874.

14 Rev. T. WILLIAM DAVIDSON, 1880.

15 Rev. THEODORE A. WATERMAN, 1882. Mr. Waterman, of Philadelphia, held service at the church during August and October.

16 Rev. J. THOMPSON CARPENTER, 1883.

17 Rev. ROBERT H. WRIGHT, 1886.

18 Rev. A. G. E. WESTMACOTT, 1890.

19 Rev. EDWARD RITCHIE, 1893.

20 Rev. W. C. EMHARDT, 1907.

21 Rev. G. HERBERT DENNISON, 1920.

22 Rev. ROSS H. FLANAGIN, 1927.

23 Rev. AMOS GODDARD, 1929.

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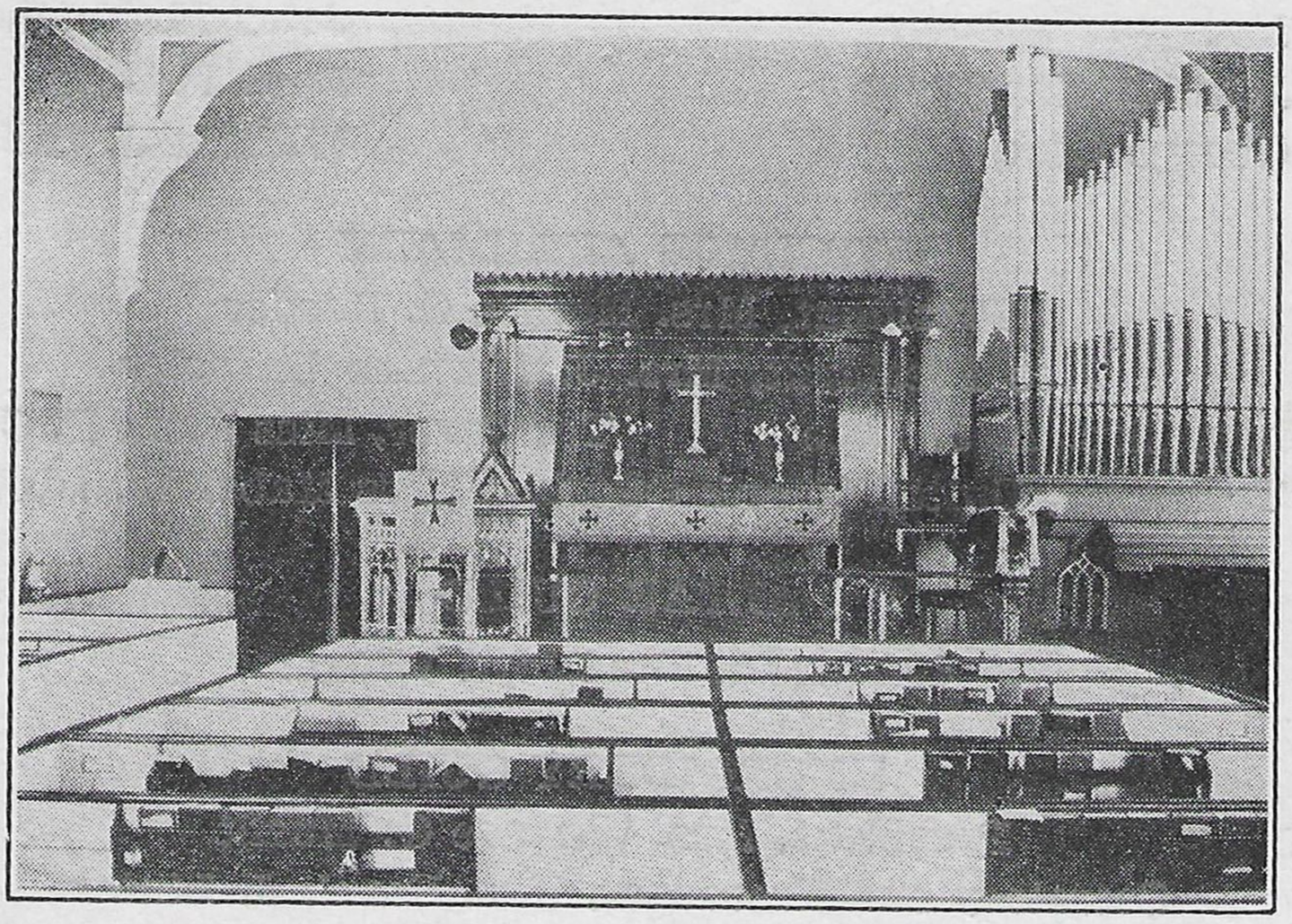


INTERIOR OF CHURCH

After Installing Pipe Organ

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

BISHOP
Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, D. D.

RECTOR
Rev. Amos Goddard

ACCOUNTING WARDEN
John H. Mitchell

VESTRY
George A. Hill, Secretary

Henry Afflerbach
John B. Chambers
George Gore
John H. Mitchell
Paul Medary
William J. Ellis

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
President, Mrs. Horace G. Reeder
Vice President, Mrs. J. Herman Barnsley
Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Cote
Treasurer, Miss Anna B. Chambers
Treasurer, United Thank Offering, Miss Mabel W. Hibbs

ALTAR GUILD
Chairman, Mrs Lloyd Wilson

EMBROIDERY GUILD
President, Mrs. Wallace G. Murfit
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Frank J. Linton

CHURCH SCHOOL
Superintendent, William J. Ellis
Secretary, Richard Murfit
Treasurer, Charles Clickner

PARISH COUNCIL
President, The Rector
Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Wilson

MEN'S GUILD
President, Amos Bond
Secretary, Harry C. Cassar
Treasurer, Samuel Neeld

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP
President, Victor Cote
Secretary, Margaret Bradbury
Treasurer, Armand Cote

MEMORIALS

Tablet in memory of Alfred Bayard Crewitt.

Tablet in memory of William Paff.

Tablet in memory of Thomas Preston Chambers and Hannah Hough Barnsley Chambers.

Tablet in memory of George Antes Jenks and Ellen Davis Jenks.

Tablet in memory of Gwendolyn Spong.

Tablet in memory of Wilhelmina Hough Barnsley.

Tablet in memory of Anna Jane Pickering.

Tablet in memory of John Herman Barnsley, Jr.

Window in memory of James Worth and his wife Margaret.

Window in memory of Dr. Phineas Jenks and Amelia Snyder Jenks.

Window in memory of Henry Clay Thornton.

Window in memory of John and Mary Hough Barnsley.

Window in memory of Anna Barnsley Pickering and Mary Barnsley Worstall.

Window in memory of William Barnsley and his son, John Henry Barnsley.

Sacristy, the gift of Mrs. Harry M. Crookshank, in memory of her father, Maj. Samuel Comfort. Mrs. Crookshank also gave two chandeliers for the sacristy and an outside lamp over the door leading to the churchyard.

Set of two vases in memory of George Whitall.

Set of two small brass vases, the gift of Arthur Jackson, of New York, in memory of his mother, Mrs. Mary Jackson, of Philadelphia.

Font ewer, in memory of Elizabeth Mary Jenks.

Silver alms basin, presented by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Jenks in memory of Amelia Snyder Jenks, wife of Dr. Phineas Jenks.

Two silver offertory plates in memory of her mother and brother, Elizabeth Douglass and Harry H. Douglass, given by Miss Mary H. Douglass. She died before her plans were carried out, and the presentation was made by her nieces.

Lecturn in memory of Frances Wayne Chambers and Alexander Chambers.

Memorials—(Continued)

Pulpit presented by J. Herman Barnsley in memory of his mother, Mary Hough Barnsley.

Reading desk in memory of Mary Ann Barnsley, presented by her niece, Wilhelmina H. Barnsley.

Quartered oak altar, given in 1902 in memory of the late Rev. Henry Martyn Torbert, who went out from St. Luke's as a young man to become a priest of the church and eventually rector of St. Stephen's Church, Boston, where he was associated with Rev. (later Bishop) Charles H. Brent, who came to St. Luke's for the dedication of the altar, which was the gift of the congregation of St. Stephen's Church.

Altar cross in memory of Mary Kimcaid Buckman.

Book rest in memory of Frances Wayne Chambers.

Candlesticks in memory of Anne Lindsey Haines Emhardt.

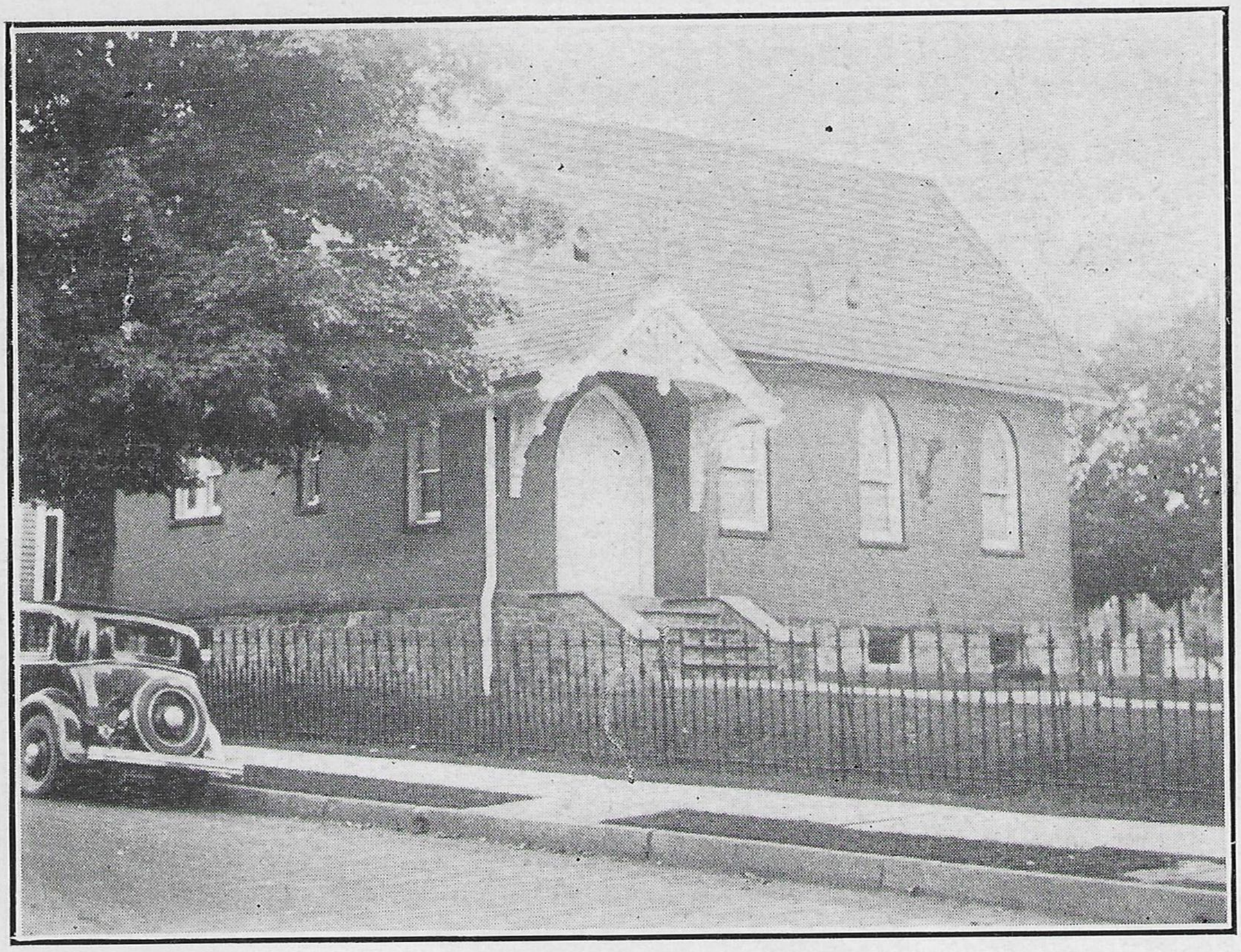
Priest's prayer book in memory of Elizabeth Lee Douglass.

Silk flag in the Church presented by Capt. Thomas Preston Chambers.

Silk flag in the Parish Building in memory of B. Franklin Ellis.

Reredos, given by Mrs. Ada B. Reeder in memory of Horace G. Reeder.

New doors and restoration of date stone and fan to belfry, given by Mrs. J. Herman Barnsley, in memory of her late husband.



PARISH BUILDING
Erected in 1893

ENDOWMENTS

Mrs. Elizabeth Barnsley Comfort, in memory of her husband, Samuel Comfort, for church maintenance, $10,000.

J. Herman Barnsley, for the Sunday School Christmas fund, in memory of his son, John H. Barnsley, $500.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman Barnsley, for a pew in memory of their son, John H. Barnsley, $1,000.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barnsley Comfort, the Barnsley Memorial pew, $800.

H. Russell Pickering, pew in memory of his mother, Anna Jane Barnsley Pickering, $1000.

Sir Henry Thornton and his sister, Mrs. Margaret Thornton Geer, the Worth family pew, $1200.

J. Herman Barnsley in memory to Mary Barnsley Worstall and Wilhelmina H. Barnsley, $1000.

John M. Lambert, $723.83.

H. Russell Pickering, memorial pew, $1000.

Sarah E. Dolton, free pew, $500.

George A. Jenks, free pew, $800.

Horace G. Reeder, free pew, $500.

Anna J. Pickering, $3500.

Church School, pew.

Wilhelmina H. Barnsley, $500.

Voluntary, $50.

Mary T. Goodman, $500.

Millimenta C. Thornton, $500.

Anna J. Pickering, care of grave lot, $200.

Lydia M. Barnsley, care of grave lot, $200.

John M. Lambert, care of grave lot, $95.

Charles P. Brooks, care of grave lot, $100.

A. E. & J. R. Longshore, care of grave lot, $200.

Endowments—(Continued)

Adella Barnsley, care of grave lot, $200.

Elizabeth Comfort, care of grave lot, $200.

Helen T. Roberts, care of grave lot, $100.

William Barnsley, care of grave lot, $100.

Elizabeth M. Elsegood, care of grave lot, $100.

Hannah F. Whitall, care of grave lot, $100.

Millimenta C. Thornton, care of grave lot and memorial windows, $500.

GIFTS

Iron fence along the front and sides of the church property, the gift of the late Joseph Barnsley.

Pipe organ, the gift in 1905 of Major and Mrs. Samuel Comfort.

Font and altar rail, the gift of Eliza Worth Eyre.

Chalice and paton, presented by Mrs. Henry C. Thornton as a thank offering.

Mother-of-pearl baptismal shell, inlaid with gold, the gift of Miss Elizabeth Comfort Crookshank.

Prayer books and hymnals, the gift of Mrs. J. Herman Barnsley.

Improvements to and painting of interior of Church, the gift of Mrs. Frederick G. LeRoy.

Church School cross, the gift of Paul Medary.

Private Communion set, the gift of Horace G. Reeder.

Charles B. Smith, $222.22.

Ella D. Jenks, trust fund, annual income of $300.

In 1844 James Worth left to the Church "forty shares of the capital stock of the Farmers Bank of Bucks County; one hundred dollars worth of said stock at par value, to be expended in books toward the formation of a library, and the remaining five hundred dollars toward the extinguishment of the debt of said Church."